

**REVISED AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:00 P.M.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into an executive session, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841(2), to discuss an application for abatement of property taxes on account of infirmity or poverty; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(F).

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTATION - Recognition of JS McCarthy Printing Company and Downtown Poster

PRESENTATION - Proposed Redevelopment and Reuse Plan for the former American Tissue Mill Site (John Melrose of Eaton Peabody Consulting Group)

PUBLIC HEARING - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Councilor wishes to discuss one (or more) item(s), Councilor may ask to have the item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.

12-032 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held February 16, 2012 and March 8, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

12-033 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of February, 2012, in the amount of \$4,021,699.02 be approved.

12-034 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Joseph Bedard be appointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire on March 15, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

11-146 Councilor O'Brien

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed \$120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

SECOND READING

12-030 Mayor Stokes and Councilors Byron and Grant

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed a three person City Council committee to review the City's herbicide practices and policies and,

WHEREAS, the committee met 15 times to review the literature, take testimony from stakeholders, met with staff to review the Best Management Practices and Integrated Pest Management and,

WHEREAS, the committee met with the Director and other staff of the State of Maine Board of Pesticides Control and,

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the work and findings of the State of Maine's Toxicologist who conducted a thorough review of the literature that was presented to City Council and,

WHEREAS, the Committee watched the movie "A Chemical Reaction" and met with the producer of the movie and,

WHEREAS, the Committee looked at various means of mitigating weeds including; mechanical, heat, natural and organic chemicals and synthetic chemicals for the purpose of preserving the City's Right-of-Way infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, the Committee examined the impact of weeds not being treated for two seasons in the City's neighborhoods as compared to areas that had been treated.

BE IT ORDAINED, That the City Council adopt the Pesticide Ordinance, Herbicide Policy and Opt Out program as recommended by the Herbicide Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

12-035 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk and Treasurer)

ORDERED, That the following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

12-036 Manager (Bureau of Human Resources)

ORDERED, That the following labor contracts with the Augusta Uniformed Firefighters Association Local No. 1650 and 1650A units be ratified consistent with the agreements with the Union:

Firefighters Local 1650	July 1, 2010 – June 30 2011
Firefighters Local 1650	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Battalion Chiefs Local 1650A	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Battalion Chiefs Local 1650A	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

12-037 Manager (Bureau of Community Services)

WHEREAS, the site of the Manufactured Gas Plant in Augusta has posed environmental concerns for many decades, and;

WHEREAS, Central Maine Power Company the owner of records seeks to mitigate the site by cleaning up and securing the site, and;

WHEREAS, Central Maine Power made a presentation to City Council to explain the work to be done and requested permission to access and use three (3) city properties to that end, and;

WHEREAS, the work to be done will take approximately four (4) months, and;

WHEREAS, Central Maine Power will provide the city with liability insurance as deemed necessary by the City with the proper indemnifications, and;

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate the use of the three parcels being requested for acceptable monetary compensation with said compensation going to the Lithgow Library Capital Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk & Treasurer
March 13, 2012